

WEATHER FORECAST.
Overcast Saturday, probably
followed by showers by night.

NO. 1736.

STOKES' LETTERS TO CHORUS GIRL 'LOST' BY SLEUTH

Detective Denies Theft of
Tender Love Missives.

ATTORNEY IS ENRAGED

Millionaire's Counsel Accused
of Pilfering.

Visit of Ethel Conrad to Stokes Re-
lated on Stand-Nine Letters Writ-
ten to Lillian Graham Missing.
Detective Took Bundle from Closet
in Girls' Apartment-Girl Confessed
Story of Attempted Suicide.

New York, July 7.—When W. E.
D. Stokes finished testifying to-day
about the ingratitude of chorus
girls, Lawyer Moore, who repre-
sented the girls that shot holes in
Mr. Stokes' legs, wanted to know
who made away with the rest of
the letters that Stokes wrote to
Lillian Graham.

All at once the temperature of
the Tombs Court went up. Peek-
aboo waists from up Broadway, who
had journeyed down in the hope of
getting an earful of advice about
the stage as a career, buzzed under
the reproving eye of the court po-
licemen. The women quit giggling
for the moment.

LETTERS DISAPPEAR.
"Oh, yes," said the lawyer. "There
were more letters in existence—or should
be—than the ones that got into the court
record yesterday, and he proposed to
find out who had stolen them or whisked
them out of sight."

There were at least nine more, fully
as entertaining as the batch of comments
on shapely waists. Wouldn't Mr. Stokes
agree that he had written more letters
to Lillian Graham than were produced
by the assistant district attorney? Stokes
answered readily that he was quite sure
he had written more, perhaps twice as
many as had been introduced in evidence.
He had been under the impression that
Miss Graham had eighteen of his letters
that she was willing to dicker for, but
he did not know what had become of the
missing letters.

Moore put on the stand James Cum-
mings, the house detective of the An-
sonia, who went to the apartment of
Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad on
June 2, two days after the shooting, and
collected a bundle of letters from a sit-
ting-room closet.

Moore wanted to know what right Cum-
mings had to enter the apartment and
handle things. Cummings said that his
job was to collect evidence for Mr.
Stokes. He did not believe the detectives
were aware that he had found the let-
ters, and he considered it his duty to
turn them over to Mr. Stokes.

Deny Letter Theft.
Then Moore asked Stokes' lawyers, Mr.
Clout and Mr. McManus, what they
knew about the missing letters. Judge
Clout replied that he had received a
package from A. H. Gleason, and that
he had turned it over intact to the dis-
trict attorney. No letters had been ab-
stracted while the package was in the
hands of counsel, said Judge Clout.

Moore, who was pretty well heated by
that time, insisted that at least nine
letters had been hidden and destroyed.
Moore put stress on their importance,
saying that they would be of great value
to the defense.

Mr. Stokes was on the witness stand
more than two hours to-day. Under
sharp questioning Stokes told about the
visit that Ethel Conrad made to him in
his private office on May 21.

"She was terribly frightened over some-
thing," said Stokes. "I tried for some
time to calm her. When she got quieted
she told me that a few nights before she
had met Miss Graham, who seemed to be
a nice young woman without much
money. Miss Conrad was then on her
way down to the Delmonico, where she
was employed, but before she got half-
way there she remembered she had left
a bundle in her room and went back for
it. On the table was a note from Miss
Graham which said that Miss Graham
was going to kill herself. She ran into
Miss Graham's room and found her friend
lying on the bed with her face terribly
burned by carbolic acid. Miss Conrad
told me she hurried out and got a doctor,
who used a stomach pump on Miss Gra-
ham and finally brought her around all
right."

Girl Feared Publicity.
"Miss Conrad told me that she saw
on the table in Miss Graham's room
a number of letters that I and other men
had written and that among them was
a letter to the present Miss Conrad and
she didn't want these letters to get into
the press because she thought their pub-
lication would degrade her. She didn't
want to be mixed up in that sort of
thing, she said, because she had family
pride. Her father was a Russian prince,
she went on, who had spent years in
South America helping revolutionists,
and that she herself had only arrived
from Venezuela two months before. Her
father had been killed in a revolution in
Venezuela and had left her motherless
in that country which had sold for
\$70,000, and that her mother had
bought houses with the money. The
houses burned, according to her story,
"she went on to say that her family

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LARGEST MORNING
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FLYERS, BATTLING IN STRONG WIND, PLUNGE INTO SEA

Atwood and Hamilton Have
Narrow Escapes.

PROPELLER AT FAULT

Damaged When Dog Commits
Suicide on Beach.

Atlantic City, July 7.—Two
kinds of death faced Harry N. At-
wood and Charles K. Hamilton, the
young aviators, shortly after they
left the beach off Ohio avenue this
afternoon for their flight to Wash-
ington. They were finally plunged
into the breakers at Kentucky ave-
nue, their machine was badly dam-
aged, and both had narrow escapes
from drowning before they were
released from the network of
tangled wires, after a thrilling bat-
tle against a strong northeast wind,
hampered by a damaged propeller.
The flight to-day was abandoned.

BUILDUP KILLED.
Atwood appeared on the beach, with
Hamilton at 2 o'clock. The machine was
wheeled up the beach to get a good take-
off against the wind. At 2:30 the pro-
pellers were set whirling, with Atwood
at the wheel. Hamilton had just started
to climb into the seat next to the en-
gine when a building, frightened by the
sudden racket of the blades, dashed
through the lane of admirers. He dashed
under the plane and ran into the left pro-
peller full tilt. There was a bump and
a grind, and the dog was whirled into
the crowd, killed instantly.

Atwood stopped the engine, and when
the propellers came to a standstill it was
discovered that the dog's body had split
the blade for a half foot. The young
aviator was anxious to be off, but he
had no other propellers here. Hamilton
spliced the break with wire.

At 2:45 they left the beach again.
They mounted but a hundred feet in the
air before the machine dipped on one
side like a bird with a broken wing,
veered drunkenly with each puff of wind.
Atwood headed straight up the beach, and
then started out over the ocean. The
machine seemed to have lost its lifting
power on the left side.

Down West Machine.
It plunged this way and that, seemingly
at the mercy of the wind. After sailing
out for a square over the water, Atwood,
then at an altitude of 200 feet, attempted

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MEXICO TO FLOAT \$50,000,000 LOAN

Wall Street to Be Scene of
Bond Issue.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Mexico City, July 7.—The Mexican gov-
ernment is preparing to float a \$50,000,000
national loan in Wall Street, New York.
Immediately after election, according to
information given out to-night by Ernesto
Madero, secretary of the treasury.
Madero declared to-night that one
banking house of New York had already
offered to take the entire issue, but he
refused to give the name of the bank.
He said that the "Centifolios" in New
York are doing their utmost to prevent
the loan being made.

PRETTY WARM STORY.

Brooklyn, N. Y., July 7.—Ap-
ples growing on the Frank Spar-
illa farm, north of here, were
baked on the trees by the intense
heat yesterday. Some of the ap-
ples were brought to Brooklyn
and exhibited in a store window.

CAPITAL WOMAN MAY GET SWORD GIVEN PERCIVAL

Court to Settle Ownership
of Famous Scimitar.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Boston, Mass., July 7.—The
ownership of the scimitar which
was presented to Commodore Per-
cival by the ruler of Muscat in
1844 is likely to go to the Supreme
Court for final determination.
While he was in command of the
old frigate Constitution, which had
figured in the naval operations of
1812, Commodore Percival saved
the life of the Imam of Muscat,
and in recognition of that service
was presented with a sword of
hammered brass and unique de-
sign.

GIVEN TO SECRETARY.
As it was provided by the laws of
the United States that the commodore
could not receive a present from a for-
eign potentate without a special act of
Congress permitting it, the commodore
turned the gift over to Benjamin Ste-
vens, then his secretary.

At the request of Percival, the sword
was later given to his niece, whose son,
Perceval Gassett, claims he is the right-
ful owner. Later the sword came into
possession of John P. Healey, who was
city solicitor for years. At an auction
sale of his effects upon his death, Miss
Sarah Minns purchased the sword for
\$150.

Later Miss Minns received a letter from
Perceval Gassett, asking her to sell him
the sword because of his direct descent
from the commodore. She declined to sell
it, but at the request of the executor of
John P. Healey's estate permitted him to
take it. The next she heard of it was
when it was in the possession of Gassett.

Miss Minns then brought a bill to re-
cover possession of it and Mr. Reed,
counsel for Gassett, was restrained from
disposing of it until the question of
ownership is settled.

"If I feel descent is to determine the
question of ownership," she says, "the
sword would be in the possession of Miss
Mary Joanna Safford, of Washington, a
famous writer."

Was Her Great Uncle.
"Commodore Percival was my great-
uncle," said Miss Mary J. Safford, of
1306 B street northwest, last night. "He
was one of the foremost naval authori-
ties of his day. His last sea command
was on the frigate Constitution, and
while he was superintendent of the Bos-
ton Navy Yard he was placed in full
charge of all repairs to the famous war
vessel. He died in 1822, at the outbreak
of the civil war."

ELEPHANT AND DONKEY RACING TO WASHINGTON

Uncle Joe and Fred Thompson Start Novel Publicity
Campaign at Coney Island.

New York, July 7.—That scheme hatched
at Washington a few weeks ago by Uncle
Joe Cannon and Fred Thompson, the
Coney Island showman, over a tall glass
of lemonade or two to race a donkey, rep-
resenting the party of the unfettered,
and an elephant named Judy, entered for
the G. O. P. from Thompson's Luna Park
to Washington, got under way at 5:15
o'clock. Naturally the idea of the race is
to determine which party will elect its
President in 1912.

The donkey, Jenny II, got a flying
start, and at Surf avenue and Ocean
boulevard was two blocks in the lead.
The irrepressible Abernathy kids, who
somehow or other have been in town for
a time and have been positively over-
looked in the crowd, led the way in an
automobile with "Catch 'Em Alive Jack,"
their father. The boys are to act as
pathfinders and pacemakers on the trip.
Phil Lemlein and his Luna Band and
a squad of police were at the head of
the procession. The band and police
went only as far as Ocean boulevard
and then left the donkey, the elephant,
and the Abernathys to find their own
way.

From the starboard side of Judy hung
a white lantern and from the port side
a red one, so that sightseeing trucks
would not bump into her and break the
track. Jack Evans, of Luna Park, was
astride the donkey. Frank Walker and
scimitar if the courts decide that it is
mine."

Miss Safford is well known in Wash-
ington as a famous writer and was
chosen as one of the "Thousand Prom-
inent Women."

SIXTEEN PERISH IN OCEAN WRECK

Steamer Runs Aground Near
Surf, Cal.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Los Angeles, July 7.—Reports from Surf,
Cal., near which place the Pacific
Steamship Company's steamer Santa
Rosa ran aground to-day, state the pas-
sengers and crew are being taken ashore
in the breeches buoy and small boats.
One boat overturned in the heavy surf
and sixteen of its occupants—eleven pas-
sengers and five of the crew—were
drowned. The Santa Rosa had 120 pas-
sengers on board when she left San
Francisco last night for Los Angeles.
Details of the accident had not been re-
ceived at a late hour.

Santa Barbara, Cal., July 7.—At 10:15
p. m. it is reported that another life-
boat from the Santa Rosa with twenty
persons aboard has capsized.

A wireless message, received at 9
o'clock to-night, from the steamer Ar-
aya, which, together with the steamer
Centrella and the steam schooner H. L.
Draw, is standing by the wrecked ves-
sel, states that the Santa Rosa is fast
breaking up in the heavy surf. Only
two-thirds of the 120 passengers have
been taken off the steamer.

The Santa Rosa, according to the
wireless operator on the Araya, is part-
ing shipwreck. The middle mast has
gone and the after deck is under water.

Wm. Henry White
Has removed his office
to the Board Building,
Fourteenth street and New York avenue.

OH, KING IS 72.

Rockefeller to Celebrate Birthday
with Golf.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Cleveland, July 7.—John D. Rockefeller
will be seventy-two years old Saturday.
The world's richest man expects to spend
the day in his usual way—golf in the
morning and a drive in the afternoon.
John D. is in as good health now as
he has been for several years, although
he is two years past man's allotted time
of three-score and ten.

SPORTS PROFITABLE.

Yale Athletics Net Balance of \$1-
393.47 for Fund.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New Haven, Conn., July 7.—Yale ath-
letics cost \$106,522.41 last year, but the
receipts were \$107,915.88, leaving a balance
of \$1,393.47. This has been added to the
reserve fund, which was started by Wal-
ter Camp, treasurer of the Yale Finan-
cial Union, fifteen years ago. This fund,
which has been invested in gilt-edged
bonds, now amounts to \$119,560.06.
Football shows a surplus of \$27,000.
Baseball gave a surplus of \$6,622. The
track athletic association ran \$11,641 be-
hind, and the crew had a shortage of
\$16,835.

THOUSANDS HEAR PRESIDENT TAFT PREDICT PEACE

Christian Endeavor Dele-
gates Pack Pier Halls.

HOPES FOR ARBITRATION

Moral Effect of Treaties Will
Prevent Wars.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 7.—A
Christian Endeavor convention, 20-
000 strong, packed into the Million-
dollar Pier, enthusiastically greeted
President Taft here to-night. All
of the people who wanted to see
the President could not get into the
main hall of the pier, though it
seats 14,000 people, and its aisles
were packed. A second meeting
was held in the hall at the end of
the pier. The President went from
the main hall, where he delivered
his address, to the end of the pier
to greet the 6,000 people who had
waited two hours in the other hall
to meet him.

BOOKER T. SPEAKS.
Booker T. Washington spoke to the
crowd at the end of the pier while it
waited for the President.

The decorations of the hall were mag-
nificent. American flags in incandescent
lights fluttered along the walls and
American eagles flew upward to the ceil-
ing. The Christian Endeavor delegates
held a service of song and prayer and
asked the President to address them
during the meeting. The President
seemed to like this idea. The President
was introduced by President Clark, of
the convention, as the greatest worker
in the world for universal peace.

In his address, President Taft said:
"We have ameliorated in many ways
the ancient cruelties of war by Red
Cross agreements, and by the immunity
of private property on land from de-
struction. Now we are agreeing upon
what is called the Declaration of Lon-
don, which, if confirmed, as it seems
likely to be, will take away from war
the sea whose principles of lawful

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VIOLENT STORM ENDS HEAT WAVE; TREES DAMAGED

Four Men Injured Under
Wind-carried Stables.

BOLT STRIKES DRESDEN

Washington Circle Suffers from
Force of Hurricane.

Cool Winds Bring Relief to Capital
Sufferers—Mercury Drops 25 De-
grees After Rainstorm—Streets
Blocked by Branches and Uprooted
Shade Trees—Horse Killed Under
Falling Trunk—Three Prostrated.

Breaking the backbone of the
heat wave, a welcome thunder-
storm hit Washington yesterday
afternoon. With a terrific battering
of rain, hail, and wind, the mer-
cury tumbled, and the humidity,
vanished like steam in a refriger-
ator. Sweet relief came to a swel-
tering, stewing Capital.

In its destructive fury, the storm
blew over the stables of the Co-
lumbia Hospital, Pennsylvania ave-
nue and Twenty-fifth street north-
west, injuring four men.

LIGHTNING HITS ROOF.

Lightning struck the Dresden, Con-
necticut avenue and Kalorama road, tearing
a hole in the roof and throwing a num-
ber of terra cotta statuettes to the pave-
ment. One of the main doors of the
District Building was wrenched com-
pletely off its hinges, and the plate-glass
panel of its companion door was shat-
tered.

In Washington circle the brief hurri-
cane reached its highest intensity, and
the destruction of trees was appalling.
Four elms in the circle proper were up-
rooted, and practically every street lead-
ing to it was blocked last night and
closed to traffic. All of them are thickly
strewn with prostrate trunks, limbs, and
branches of oaks and maples fallen victim
to the storm.

With dark clouds closing a sky which

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ETHEL BARRYMORE SUES FOR DIVORCE

New York Society Woman's
Name Involved in Case.

Los Angeles, July 7.—Ethel Barrymore,
the actress, took steps here yesterday
to sue for divorce in New York Monday
from Russell Griswold Colt, the young
millionaire, whom she married less than
two years ago.

Papers were taken East last night by
a special agent, presumably from her
lawyer's office, and are to be filed im-
mediately upon arrival in New York.
The grounds alleged are statutory, and
the name of a prominent New York so-
ciety woman is brought into the com-
plaint.

Miss Barrymore, who is a guest at
the Hotel Hollywood in the foothills,
while filing an engagement at the Mason
Opera House, has made a secret of her
decision to sue for divorce. She is said
to have been married to Mr. Colt in
New Orleans at the time that she and
Mr. Colt had had a disagreement of a serious
nature. Her husband was also at New
Orleans at the time, but would not dis-
cuss the story of the disagreement.

During the past fortnight or more, Mr.
Colt has been seen many times wander-
ing to a table at a Broadway restaurant,
sometimes alone, but usually accompa-
nied by one or two men friends. His
house in East Thirty-fourth street to-
night was closed and caretakers of
houses in the neighborhood said that the
Colts had not lived there for some time.
At the Holland House, where usually he
lives, Mrs. Colt is on tour, it was
said that he had not been there recently.

Miss Barrymore, who, in the summer
of July, 1909, is said to have broken off
an engagement with Capt. Harry Gra-
ham, of London, was married on March
15, 1909, to Russell Griswold Colt, son of
Col. Samuel Pomeroy Colt, head of the
United States Rubber Company. A baby
boy was born to the couple on the 20th
of the following November.

Colt is now in his twenty-ninth year.
After leaving college he traveled exten-
sively and then went to work for the
United States Rubber Company for a time.
He inherited a considerable sum of
money from his grandparents. At
present he is a member of the brokerage
firm of H. L. Horton & Co. of 60 Broad-
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